

POLAND: No Movement on Strike

Free trade union leaders have not to our knowledge reacted to the government's announcement yesterday of general wage increases. Union leaders have said that they will not be able to cancel their one-hour nationwide strike on Friday if the decision is not taken today. No matter what the government does, some leaders may be anxious to hold the strike to test worker responsiveness to their control and to maintain the sense of worker solidarity. [redacted]

A Deputy Premier who played a key role in negotiating the strike settlement last month yesterday accused union leaders of breeching the accords by calling the strike and complained that they had not informed the government. He presumably did so to discredit the more militant union leaders, thereby strengthening the hand of those who may yet wish to call off the strike. The Polish party yesterday announced that the central committee plenum will meet on Saturday to review the political situation and current party tasks. [redacted]

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